

FORM B - BUILDING

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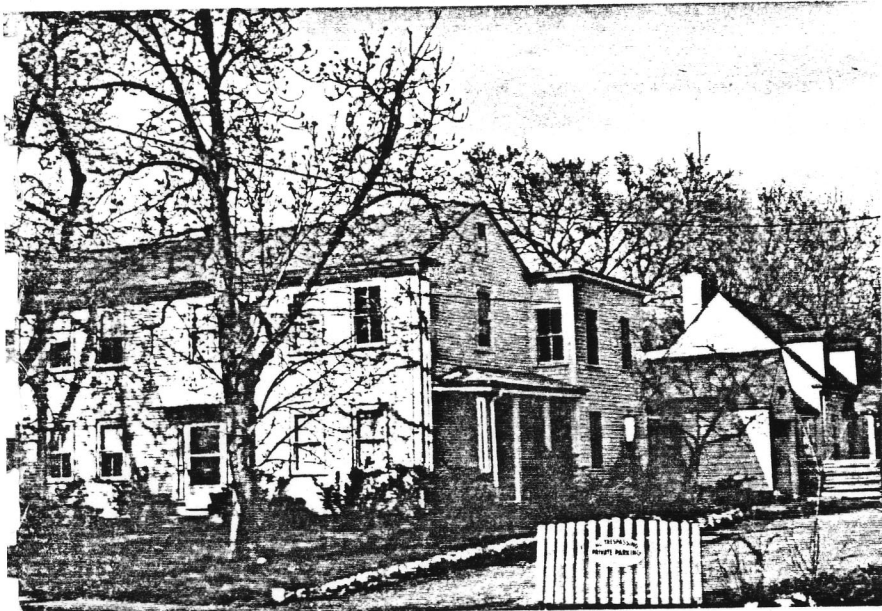
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ress 915-917 Mass. Ave.

e Harrington-Pierce House

sent use _____

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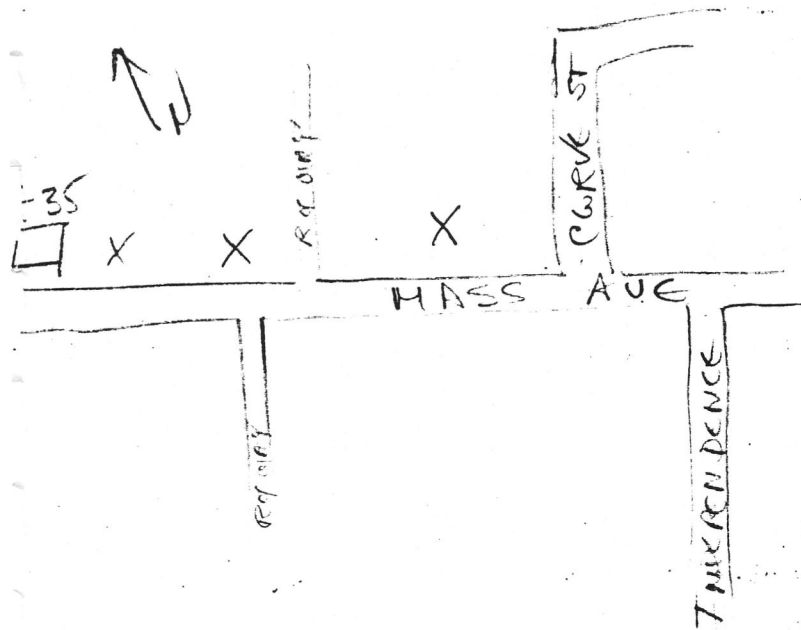
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pre 1853: 1802

ource On survey map 1853, E.B. Worthen

Federal

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) later house to rear
(see over)

Other features five bays, wide 1 room deep,

main block; granite foundation, center

entrance, beveled and clapboards

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre _____ Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 100'

Approximate distance of building from street

15'

6. Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Lex. Hist. Comm.

Date 7/75

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Solomon Harrington

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	_____	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	Humanitarian	_____
Community development	_____	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical Significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

(rear lot: in 1940 old dairy barn still stood on property.)

Description: Door w. fanlight over, no sidelights, pilasters; interesting fluted pieces over pilaster capitol, (now obscured by Al. hood.) Fine dentil course at cornice; two chimneys along rear eave line. Left side porch with cut out posts, shed addition to rear.

Note: House in rear (c. 1950's) moved here in 1965, upon widening of Rt. 2. Formerly stood in vicinity of Watertown St. & Rt. 2.

1965 - Minute Man, Sept 23, 1965
1853 map - Lakin
1898 map - H/S S.S. Pierce

This was the home of Loring S. Pierce and of his daughter, Gertrude Pierce (see Hudson, Volume II). Loring Ellsworth Pierce, grandson of the above, was a letter carrier in the East Village for many years after 1900.

The house was built in 1802, according to E.B. Worthen.

(See notation on back of Burr Church photo, Lexington Historical Society.)

S. Lawrence Whipple, 1984

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Property Name: 915-917 Mass. Ave.

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.



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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
915-917 MASS. AVENUE

Area(s) Form No.

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

This house was reportedly constructed about 1802 for Solomon Harrington (b.1766/d. 1845).

On the 1853 map the property appears to be labeled as being owned by "Lakin".

According to E.B. Worthen, the upper half of the house was later occupied by George Loring Pierce and his wife, Sarah, who had two sons, Loring Ellsworth and Frank W. Pierce. The lower half of the house was occupied by George's sister, Gertrude and her mother, Frances. Gertrude was a teacher in the Lexington schools for many years.

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